

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: SAITO, Kazuo et al. Conf.:
Appl. No.: New Group:
Filed: July 3, 2001 Examiner:
For: ELECTRICALLY CONDUCTIVE RESINOUS
COMPOSITION, FUEL CELL SEPARATOR AND
PRODUCTION THEREOF, AND POLYMER
ELECTROLYTE FUEL CELL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

July 3, 2001

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully
submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. (Amended) A fuel cell separator which is molded from the
electrically conductive resinous composition defined in Claim 1,
wherein the fuel cell separator has on one side or both sides
thereof grooves through which an oxidizing gas or fuel gas is
supplied, the fuel cell separator also has a specific resistance
not higher than $200 \text{ m}\Omega \cdot \text{cm}$.

REMARKS

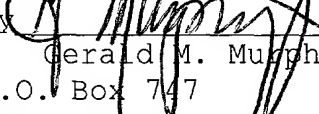
The amendment to the claims is merely to delete improper multiple dependencies and to place the application into better form for examination. Entry of the present amendment and favorable action on the above-identified application are earnestly solicited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up copy of the changes made to the application by this amendment.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The Claims have been amended as follows:

4. (Amended) A fuel cell separator which is molded from the electrically conductive resinous composition defined in [any of Claims 1 to 3] Claim 1, wherein the fuel cell separator has on one side or both sides thereof grooves through which an oxidizing gas or fuel gas is supplied, the fuel cell separator also has a specific resistance not higher than $200 \text{ m}\Omega \cdot \text{cm}$.

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